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SYDNEY SHAME!

by Les Shorrock

THE picture on this page is a portrait of another frenzied idiot doing his bit to further besmirch the world's most popular sport.

The spectator invaded the field and tried to assault referee Arthur Owens as he was about to send off APIA's Mirko Radoslavjevic during Sunday's Blacktown City v APIA NSL match.

The invader was one of three arrested at the game, I hope he is dealt with by the courts and I also hope that the NSL Executive bans him from all its Sydney grounds for life.

It was the second week in succession that there was trouble at an NSL game in Sydney.

The week before, fighting broke out amongst spectators at St George where supporters of Sydney Olympic clashed with local supporters of Preston Makedonia.

The trouble last weekend wasn't confined to Blacktown either.

The airport bus carrying the Melbourne JUST players and officials was stoned as it left the Croatian Sports Centre and had some of its windows smashed.

It would be comforting to think that the NSL Executive would take some stern action to cut out this hooliganism, but past experience tells us that probably all we can expect is a few pious platitudes from the so-called rulers of the game.

it is very unfortuhate for the Blacktown club that the incident took place on its ground, as it is fair to assume that the spectator was an APIA supporter and closing the ground would be to punish the wrong club.

As the distressed Blacktown secretary, Peter Thorne said to me, nothing like that has ever happened before at Blacktown.

But as our picture shows, that has been a matter more of good luck than good judgement, because Blacktown's fencing is clearly inadequate

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NSL RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- ADCITY 2 MARCONI 3
- BLACKTWN 1 APIA 1
- PRESTON 3 MELB. CROATIA 0
- SOUTH 0 W'GONG 2
- ST GEORGE 1 H'BERG 0
- GEORGE CROSS 1 SYD. OLYMPIC 1
- SYD. CROATIA 2 MELB. JUST 1

Melbourne clubs slump further

MELBOURNE fans had little to cheer about after the seventh round of the NSL.

The only club to win was Preston Makedonia, which trounced Melbourne Croatia in a brilliant display at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

But whilst Preston's fans were hugging themselves with glee, South Melbourne's were left gloomily pondering their team's second successive home defeat which has left the club only three points off the bottom.

Heidelberg, trying desperately to rebuild, had no luck at St George, going down to an own goal, whilst Melbourne JUST felt hard done by to lose by a disputed penalty.

George Cross provided one ray of sunshine though, grabbing a point off an under-strength Olympic.

All these stories and more in our comprehensive NSL coverage on pages 4 and 5.

SYDNEY SHAME CONT'D.

The intruder is being arrested by police.

● *APIA players come to the aid of Arthur Owens.*

● *Pictures by Jack Picone — Sydney Morning Herald.*

SNIPPETS

By LES SHORROCK

We regret that our Snippets feature has had to be held over this week as Les Shorrock is indisposed.

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ROUND SEVEN DETAILS

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1(Hasler 59th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper 87th)
At Chaplin Reserve,Saturday.Crowd 1000.Referee J.Fraser.Cautions Hasler(GX),McGarry.Soper,Koch(SO).
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS:*Keogh - Taylor,Waddell, Parton,Marth - Ketsakides,Carter,Faulkner,Lennon (Roberts 74th),Lewis,Hasler(McLaren 87th). Coach John Gardiner.*
SYDNEY OLYMPIC:*Meier- Phillips,Koch,Spyridakos, Bernal - Polak,Pontidas,McGarry,Edwards(Barrett 76th) - Soper,Lee.Coach Eddie Thomson.*

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3(Markovski 15th,68th.Spink 19th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0
At Olympic Park, Saturday.Crowd 5000.Referee Don Campbell.Cautions Jolevski,Slifkas(PM).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA:*Traianides -Roodhouse,Jackson, Piculovski,Jolevski - Tasevski,Zinni,Slifkas, Markovac(Runje 67th),Markovski,Spink(inj.Taseski 79th).Coach Andon Doncevski.*
MELBOURNE CROATIA:*Olver-Opasinis,Davidson,Cannell, Donnelly-Selemidis(Horvat HT),Milosevic(Duzel63rd), Biskic,Caleta-Awaritefe,Kelic.Coach Ivan Raznevjic.*

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 WOLLONGONG CITY 2(Easthorpe 5th,Skeen 22nd).
At Middle Park,Sunday.Crowd 3500.Referee J.Santa Isabel.Caution Crainie(W).
SOUTH MELBOURNE:*McLaren - Russell,Anezakis,Blair, Postecoglou -Healy,Foster(Taliodoros HT),Wade, Petersen(Mori 64th) - Trimboli,Wright.Coach Brian Garvey.*
WOLLONGONG CITY:*Young-Skeen,Morlando,Vlietstra, Hollifield - Kotamanides,Giraldi,Bonetig,Crainie - Easthorpe,Brodnik.Coach John Fleming.*

ST.GEORGE 1(o.g 85th) HEIDELBERG UNITED 0
At St.George Stadium,Sunday.Crowd 1500.
Referee J.Spiers.
ST.GEORGE:*Gibson-Green,Ratcliffe,Koczka,Grbevski -O,Shea,Moffitt,Ilic,Pottier-,Ollerenshaw,Bingley. Coach Frank Arok.*
HEIDELBERG:*Banovic - Bordignon,Ousalkas,Scott, Douglas - Alagozidis(Raynes 70th),Lucchesi, Stewart,Tredinnick - Goutzioulis,Stubbins.Coach Jim Tansey.*

SYDNEY CROATIA 2(Arnold 9th,Hunter,pen.65th) MELBOURNE JUST 1(Crino 27th)
At Croatian Sports Centre,Sunday.Referee J.Reeves. Cautions Crino,Tapai(MJ).
SYDNEY CROATIA:*Franken - Savor,Rozic,Hunter, Jennings - Clinch,Foster,Petkovic,Jones - Slater, Arnold.Coach Vedran Rozic.*
MELBOURNE JUST:*Nikitovic - Fabrizio,Durakovic, van Egmond,Mitrovski-Deankovic,Tapai,Murphy,Crino, Dimoski,Palatsides.Coach Ilija Dimoski.*

ADELAIDE CITY 2(Mullen 61st,Maxwell 66th) MARCONI 3(de Jong 43rd,McCulloch 60th,Nastevski 78th).
At Hindmarsh Stadium,Saturday.Crowd 4000.
Referee J.Rossis Cautions Carter(M),Villani(AC).
ADELAIDE CITY:*Zabica - Naven,Nyskohus,Flounders, Tobin(Vial 82nd) - Melta,Northcote(Ivanovic 46th), Vidmar,Villani - Mullen,Maxwell.Coach Zoran Matic.*
MARCONI:*Hughes - Carter,Wheatley,Calderan,Gomez -Gray,McCulloch,Katholos(de Marigny 58th),Lowe (Colagiuri 86th) -de Jong,Nastevski. Coach Berti Mariani.*

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Arambasic 42nd)APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Hagan 79th)
At Gabbie Stadium,Sunday.Crowd 1500.
Referee A.Owens.Sent off Stewart,Radoslavjevic, R.Brown (Ap) Cautions Kosmina,O'Connor,Mason, Bundalo(Ap),van Blerk,McKinna,Wright(B).
BLACKTOWN CITY:*Watson - Naumov,Northam,Reynolds, G.Sterrey - L.Sterrey,Odzakov,Meier,Arambasic (Wright 54th, Divylak 85th) - van Blerk,McKinna. Coach Les Scheinflug.*
APIA LEICHHARDT:*Pezzano - Stewart,Radoslavjevic, O'Connor,M.Brown - Ricoy,Ellam,Mason,Bundalo - Kosmina,R.Brown.Coach Michael Urukalo.*

GOAL SCORERS

8.Kelic(MCr)

6.Nastevski(Mar)

4.Brown.R(Ap)
Ollerenshaw(StG)
Spink(PM)

3.Bingley(StG)
Dimoski (MC)
Easthorpe(W)
Gray(Mar)
Kosmina(Ap)
Markovski(PM)
Mori(SM)
Mullen(AC)
Soper(SO)

2.Arnold(SC)
Awaritefe(MC)
Biskic(MC)
Crino(MJ)
de Jong(Mar)
Hagan(Ap)
Hasler(GX)
Latif(GX)
Lewis(GX)
Lowe(Mar)
McKinna(Bl)
Melta(AC)
Postecoglou(SM)
Slater(SC)
van Blerk(Bl)
Zinni(PM)

1.Bernal(SO)
Brodnik(W)
Calderan(Mar)
Caleta(MC)
Crainie(W)
Denyer(Bl)
Faulkner(GX)
Flounders(AC)
Foster(SM)
Hunter(SC)
Ingham(SC)
Ironside(SO)
Koczka(St.G)
Lazopoulos(MJ)
Lee(SO)
McCulloch(Mar)
McGarry(SO)
Markovac(PM)
Maxwell(AC)
Milosevic(MC)
Naumov(Bl)
Odzakov(Bl)
Palatsides(MC)
Radoslavjevic(Ap)
Raynes(H)
Ricoy(Ap)
Selemides(MCr)
Skeen(W)
Sterrey.G(Bl)
Stewwart(H)
Stubbins(H)
Theodosopoulos(H)
Trimboli(SM)
Tsolakis(SM)
Vial(AC)

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

● Spink

Youth Ladder

George Cross	6	5	1	0	19	7	11
Preston Mak.	6	5	0	1	27	6	10
Altona Gate	7	5	0	2	7	4	10
Caulfield City	7	3	2	2	14	11	8
Heidelberg	6	3	1	2	11	10	7
South Melbourne	5	3	0	2	22	8	6
Melb.Croatia	5	3	0	2	7	5	6
Melb.JUST	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Clayton	7	1	2	4	8	21	4
Clifton Hill	5	1	1	3	3	14	3
Malvern City	5	0	1	4	6	23	1
Waverley United	5	0	0	5	5	16	0

NSL Ladder

MARCONI	7	5	1	1	16	6	11
SYDNEY CROATIA	7	4	2	1	6	2	10
ST.GEORGE	7	4	2	1	8	5	10
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	7	4	1	2	10	6	9
MELBOURNE CROATIA	7	3	2	2	15	12	8
Wollongong	7	3	2	2	7	4	8
APIA Leichhardt	7	3	2	2	9	10	8
Sydney Olympic	7	2	3	2	8	5	7
Blacktown City	7	3	1	3	9	16	7
George Cross	7	2	2	3	7	8	6
South Melbourne	7	2	1	4	8	9	5
Melbourne JUST	7	1	2	4	7	10	4
Adelaide City	7	1	1	5	8	12	3
Heidelberg United	7	1	0	6	4	17	2

National Youth League Results — Round Seven

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 MELBOURNE CROATIA 3
ALTONA GATE 2 CAULFIELD CITY 0
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 4 MALVERN CITY 1
SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 WAVERLEY UNITED 1
CLIFTON HILL 2 CLAYTON 1
MELBOURNE JUST & HEIDELBERG UNITED byes.

Fixtures — Round Eight

MELBOURNE CROATIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
MELBOURNE JUST v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
CLAYTON v ALTONA GATE
MALVERN CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE
WAVERLEY UNITED v CLIFTON HILL
HEIDELBERGUNITED & CAULFIELD CITY byes

NSL REPORTS

Apia fans riot as stars walk

BLACKTOWN 1 (Arambasic 42nd) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Hagan 79th)

Three men were arrested, one for attacking a referee, during a crowd flare-up flare-up at the match between Blacktown and Apia at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

The match, which eventually ended in a 1-1 draw, had to be suspended for 10 minutes when referee Arthur Owens decided the crowd looked like getting out of control when Radoslavjevic ordered Apia's Mirko Radoslajevic off after 56 minutes.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● KEVIN HAGAN

Owens had been attacked by an irate Apia fan, who jumped the fence and grabbed him from behind before shoving him several times.

When a photographer, who was taking photos of the disturbance, had to flee to the centre of the field Owens decided to walk off the field.

As a mob of about 20 rushed to the fence, police moved in and made three arrests, including the man who had attacked the referee.

The three were taken to Blacktown police station and charged.

At the height of the incident Apia President Nick Papallo had to make a plea over the loudspeaker for calm.

The trouble began when Apia fans became upset with Owens' handling of the match.

The referee had sent off Apia's Darren Stewart in injury time in the first half, then 11 minutes into the second half, he sent off Radoslavjevic.

Right on half time he sent off Apia's Rod Brown.

He had issued yellow cards to Apia's Radoslavjevic, Brown John Kosmina, Steve O'Connor, Craig Mason and Alex Bundalo.

He also booked Blacktown's Jason Van Blerk, Lawrie McKinna and Billy Wright.

Referee officials would not allow Owens to be interviewed after the match.

Owens was eventually escorted to his car by police an hour after the game.

Seething Apia officials later said they would lodge a complaint against Owens.

Papallo, a member of the NSL executive, said he would certainly bring up the matter as soon as possible.

"I will be calling for action against the referee," Papallo said.

"He nearly caused a riot and he has just about decimated our side."

Papallo added he did not think the referee should have suspended the game.

"I don't think there was any need for him to walk off the field. I think he over-reacted," he said.

Apia coach Mike Urakalo launched a scathing attack on Owens.

"The NSL should consider doing something about him," Urakalo said.

"A coach drops a player when he performs badly and there is no reason why the same should not happen to a referee."

Apia did tremendously well to snatch a draw from the match.

It was 1-0 down after 42 minutes when Zlatko Arambasic put Blacktown ahead with a well-placed header.

But Apia, down to nine men late in the second half, grabbed the equaliser when replacement Kevin Hagan scored a sizzling goal from 20m.

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Preston boosts record

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Markovski 15th, 68th, Spink 19th) MELB. CROATIA 0

The new glamor team of the League, Preston Makedonia, brought its record to four wins and a draw in five matches by beating Melbourne Croatia 3-0 at Olympic Park.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JOHN MARKOVSKI

Makedonia, reaping dividends from its spectacular recruiting campaign, now has nine points.

Melbourne Croatia had top place on the ladder before the previous weekend, due to the scoring exploits of Ivan Kelic, who still heads the league scorers list with eight goals.

But Kelic was shut out on Saturday by the strong Preston defence while John Markovski scored two goals and Warren Spink one.

Spink, Markovski, Andrew Zinni and Robert Markovac were among the star players who joined Makedonia during the off season.

Coach Andon Doncevski, who took Vardar Skopje to the championship of Yugoslavia, has succeeded in moulding his new charges into an exciting attacking combination which on Saturday's performance should challenge for the 1989 championship.

The action started in the fifth minute with Croatia mid-fielder Branko Milosevic hitting the cross

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St George scrapes to a draw

ST GEORGE 1 (Douglas og 85th) HEIDELBERG 0

St George had to rely on a miskick by a Heidelberg defender to scrape a 1-0 win over the League tailenders at St George Stadium on Sunday night.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● YAKKA VANOVIC

Only the experience of Heidelberg 'keeper Yakka Banovic had stood between St George and victory until five minutes before full time.

Banovic, who had resisted all shots by the St George attack, got his fingers to a ccross by Mike Grbevski but the ball slipped from his grasp and fullback Steve Douglas, in trying to clear, sliced the ball into the goal.

The victory took St George into equal second with Sydney Croatia and trailing leader Marconi by one point.

Banovic had stopped a 21st minute penalty by Scott Ollerenshaw and other attempts by Andy Koczka, Craig Moffitt and Alan Pottier.

His agility earned from a spell with English club Derby County, had given Heidelberg the opportunity to pick up a point and get off the bottom of the ladder.

But the Heidelberg attack, whenever in range of the St George goal, had placed its shots within easy range of Saints' keeper Mike Gibson or else feebly punched the ball wide.

The match was marred by loose passing and a lack of initiative although St George continued to press forward through a defensive Heidelberg backline.

The Melbourne team had an opportunity to equalise in the last minute when striker Phil Stubbins got to within five metres of the goal but hung his head after putting the ball well wide of the upright.

After a scoreless first half, St George moved more quickly into attack with Koczka and David Ratcliffe distributed the ball wide to their running strikers, who were frustrated by the Heidelberg keeper.

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Marconi survives onslaught

AD CITY 2 (Mullen 61st, Maxwell 66th) MARCONI 3 (De Jong 43rd, McCulloch 60th, Nastevski 78th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ZLATKO NASTEVSKI

Leader Marconi survived a second-half onslaught by Adelaide City to win 3-2 at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on Saturday night.

In front of a 4000 crowd, Marconi held the upper hand for most of the match.

The Sydney team led 2-0 after the first half although goals to City's two strikers, Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell, put interest back into the game.

But City never really looked to be in the hunt and it was the intense pressure Marconi applied and eventually toppled any hope Adelaide City had of a win.

Marconi coach Bertie Mariani was delighted by his team performance.

"We showed great character to come back in the second half after Adelaide City had equalised," Mariani said.

"We had a number of chances we should have capitalised on but with 14 goals in the last four games we can't be too unhappy."

Mariani rated mid-fielder Zlatko Nastevski as probably his best player.

"Nastevski's technique is as good as anyone's in Australia at the moment," Mariani said.

City coach Zoran Matic said his team had made tactical errors.

"There was some very bad tactical play," Matic said. But he was impressed with the performance of prize Red Star recruit Milan Ivanovich.

He showed some glimpses of brilliance but was obviously under par after two sleepless nights on a plane.

"He'll probably wake up in the morning and think it was all a dream," Matic said.

Veteran Bugsy Myskohus and Brian Northcote played well for City.

Marconi now sits happily on the top of the table while Adelaide City has collected just three points from seven games.

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Penalty the difference for Sydney Croatia

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Arnold 9th, Hunter per 65th) MELB. JUST 1 (Crino 27th)

A hotly-disputed penalty kick, converted by Sydney Croatia defender Alan Hunter, proved the difference in Croatia's 2-1 win over Melbourne JUST at the Croatian Sports Centre, Sydney on Sunday night.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● GRAHAM ARNOLD

The sides were 1-1 until the 65th minute when Croatia striker Graham Arnold crashed to the ground after a tackle from his Socceroo team mate Gary van Egmond.

Referee Jim Reeves pointed to the penalty spot, only to be quickly surrounded by remonstrating Melbourne JUST players.

Afterwards their coach, Iliya Dimoski, heatedly contested the referee's decision.

"The game was first class over the 90 metres, and would have ended at 1-1 except for a one second's mistake by the referee," he said.

Van Egmond vehemently denied he had fouled Arnold, claiming his opponent had fallen when he wasn't even within tackling distance.

Arnold's version was that van Egmond "May have taken my legs — I'm not sure."

But referee Reeves said: "I happened to be right on the spot and saw van Egmond turn Arnold around by grabbing his collar, and immediately I awarded the penalty."

Arnold had been the major difference between the sides with his continual attacking runs up front.

He scored with a ninth-minute diving header after finding a gap in the Melbourne defence following a well-placed cross by Graham Jennings.

Melbourne midfielder Oscar Crino pulled his

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1989 State League Preview

By BRIAN JAMES

WHEN I went overseas for my annual holiday at the end of last year, the Editor assured me that my burden would be made lighter this year with the reduction of the State League to 12 clubs.

So you can imagine my astonishment when he handed me this week's assignment and said "I want you to write next week's State League preview of eight matches.

"Surely you mean six, don't you," I said and he retorted "you heard me, it's still a 16 team league, all that trouble you went to last year printing the bottom six clubs on the ladder in red to signify their relegation prospects was a waste of time, only two clubs, Western Suburbs and Oakleigh went down."

The ray of happiness in that piece of news is of course the fact that I won't have to go to watch games in winter on that notorious Caloola Reserve mud-heap any more.

● Mike Coady

In fact, when I study the latest State League fixture list (entitled revised edition one... destroy previous lists), I'm very happy to see that no fewer than seven clubs have seen the light and are prepared to play on Saturdays.

For long enough we in this newspaper have been pointing out how much more media coverage is to be obtained by playing on Saturdays.

Two Melbourne Sunday papers and this newspaper are only too happy to send a reporter and a photographer along to games on Saturdays.

I'm told that as a result of the reshuffle of portfolios there is a new air of urgency about the State League management and that things are really starting to happen.

Meanwhile, the main topic of interest I suppose, must be whether Juventus can emulate Heidelberg and bounce back into the NSL at the first attempt.

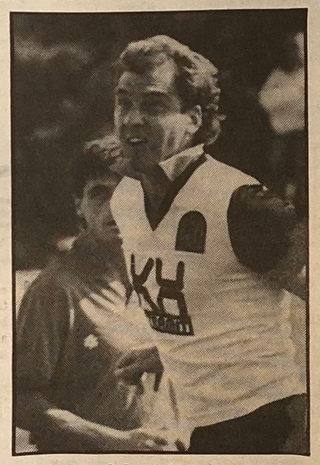
In saying that, I'm being presumptious enough to believe that any club winning the Victorian State League would certainly win the farcical off, so poor is the standard of the Queensland and South Australian State Leagues.

Whilst a lot of attention is going to be focussed on how Juventus fares after losing a number of key players, the two promoted clubs, Frankston Pines and Altona Gate will also be under the microscope.

As Broadmeadows City and Oakleigh have shown, promotion to the State League can be as daunting and as disastrous as going from the State to the National.

So we'll be keeping a special watch on both Altona Gate, now under Bill Murray and Frankston Pines, who were steered to promotion by Joe Sweeney.

Both face stiff tasks first-up, Altona Gate travelling to Morwell, where it is never easy to win and Pines away to Ringwood City.



● Dennis Morovic

SATURDAY
Juventus v Croydon City
at Olympic Park, kick-off 7 pm.

Juventus has taken the bold step of installing Manfred Schaefer as the State League's only full-time coach and is obviously intent on going flat-chat for promotion at the first attempt.

Black and White fans will need a programme for the first few weeks, because the team line-up will be looking very unfamiliar at first.

Missing are Garry McDowall (now at Heidelberg), Mehmet Durakovic and Joe Palatsides (loaned to Melbourne JUST), Mike Petersen (South Melbourne), and Brian Brown and John Yzendoorn who have retired.

Fabio Incantalupo and Scott Patterson also are doubtful; Bulleen is interested in Fab, and Patterson may or may not go.

But the club still has Peter Laumets and Pat Marrama, Sean Lane, Charlie Egan, Willie Herd and Vlatko Belic left from the NSL days and has signed some new players.

The experienced Mike Coady has come from Sydney Olympic to reinforce the back four, midfielder Steve Glockner has been signed from Brisbane City, Rene Minichiello has returned from Fawkner.

A Jugoslav player, Sasha Ivanovski has arrived via West Australia, promising forward Dave Klepac has been signed from Mooroolbark, and there is also a new Italian player from Italian club Regina, by the name of Rocco Triulco.

All in all, it's a pretty formidable line-up that Schaefer has at his command.

The Croydon City line-up hasn't been changed as drastically as much as Juve's by any means.

Ian Dobson has taken over from Miron Bleiberg and is player-coach.

Jimmy Campbell and Gordon Flavell have gone to Albion to play under Ian Wallace, stalwart Graham French is now the Mooroolbark coach and Robert Runje has gone to Preston.

In their places have come Steve Brimmer and last season's ***Soccer Star*** player of the year, Alan Roodhouse, both of course from Box Hill.

Thomastown v St Albans
at Partridge Reserve, kick-off 3 pm.

Thomastown made a bold bid for the State League title last year, in fact it would be fair to say that it and Ringwood City were the two outstanding teams in the second half of the season.

Experienced Frank McAleer has taken over as coach and he si confident that the team will carry on with its good form of last year.

Dean Hennessy has been signed from Fawkner and he and Andy Higgins will be a formidable pairing in the centre of the defence.

English striker Paul Lewis has gone back home, but that still leaves the deadly duo of Russell Athersych and Bobby McGuinness up front.

The redoubtable Norman Dougherty will be a tower of strength in midfield whilst McAleer is expecting great things from newcomer Eddie Sinclair.

Sinclair, a midfielder/-striker who played for Clydebank in Scotland comes to Thomastown via Perth club Bayswater.

Thomastown obviously has enough depth to be at least a final four threat again.

Whilst there has been considerable off-field trauma at St Albans, the Saints will no doubt still provide formidable opposition on-field.

Last season's coach, Tony Vrzina has gone to Bulleen and has been replaced by his assistant of last year, Branko Culina, who has finally hung up his boots.

Ivan Kelic, last season's State League top goalscorer has gone to Melbourne Croatia, where he has found goal-scoring just as easy (which has confounded some critics), together with Bill Fleming medal-winner Ivan Duzel, who hasn't made the impact he probably thought he would.

Striker Bill Popovski has gone to Fawkner, but the Saints forward power has been reinforced by the return of the 1987 top goalscorer, Dennis Morovic, back from an unhappy year with Heidelberg.

So, despite the loss of four players, the Saints will still be hard to toss and look a definite top four prospect.

Morwell Falcons v Altona Gate
at North Cringan Reserve, KO 3 pm.

Falcons will present a very fresh face this season, as there has been a considerable exodus.

Ian Stirton has gone to Frankston Pines, Andy McMillan to Green Gully and Kenny Drakeford probably to Caulfield City.

Gerry Bennett and Stan Webster will probably also be leaving.

In their places, coach Bobby McLachlan has recruited full back Roy Walsh from Fawkner, Jimmy Nelson from Sandringham and Jim McBride from Box Hill.

Morwell Falcons have also picked up midfielder Irish International Sean Byrne from New Zealand.

Bobby, as guarded as ever, says also that he has another couple of local players in mind, but he's keeping their names tohimself for the time being.

Morwell also is hoping that the wrangle over Greg Warszawski is settled in time for this opening round.

Modest Bill Murray, Altona Gate's coach wouldn't be drawn on his club's prospects, beyond saying that his young team, having achieved promotion, would be given their chance in the higher League.

'Gate has lost centre-backTibor Drinoczky, who has gone to Frankston Pines, but has picked up the much -lauded Gary McMillan from Sandringham and Tom Markovski from Western Suburbs.

Altona Gate's immediate priority will obviously be survival, and then consolidation.

SUNDAY
Bulleen v Caulfield City
at Veneto Club, KO 3 pm.

Tony Vrzina has assumed the coaching matle at Bulleen, taking over from Zrdavko Lujic, who acted as caretaker after Jimmy Rooney was sacked late last season.

● Jimmy Nelson

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● Kenny Drakeford

Vrzina says the club is very ambitious and will make a strong bid for the top this year, but he is bitter that Green Gully snapped up Andy Pender, the Western Suburbs defender, after the player had agreed terms.

Six players, Laurie Boarotto, Pino Curcio, Paul Romano, Joe Keenan, Joe D'Amico and Ernie Boin have left the club, whilst Alex Livingston has been signed from Oakleigh, as well as Dean Milosevic, from Melbourne Croatia.

The club is still negotiating with Juventus for Fabio Incantalupo, but won't go over the $6000 it has offered.

Caulfield City has retained Jimmy Condilis as coach, but has had a big clear-out of players after two disappointing seasons.

Paul Harris has gone to Northcote City, Aki Alagozidis and Angie Goutzioulis went to Heidelberg, and Phil Griffin is still in doubt.

However, the Blues have picked up midfielder Andy O'Dell from Heidelberg, and Kenny Drakeford from Morwell Falcons.

Con Pappas could be back from Heidelberg in time for this game too.

Caulfield has also signed Alex Kountouris and Manos Kopsaftis from Western Suburbs, and is expecting big things from newly-arrived Paul Baldwin who played for Manawate in the New Zealand National League.

Feelers have also been put out for an Englishman, at present playing in the Vauxhall League, the League in which Francis Awaritefe starred for Sutton United.

If the new players all blend from the start, Caulfield will be a definite top four prospect.

Green Gully v Springvale City
at Gully Reserve, KO 3 pm.

Green Gully should once again be a power in the State League.

Although it has lost Colin Quigley to Croydon, Steve Douglas to Heidelberg and Stuart Cannell to Melbourne Croatia, it has also recruited well.

It has signed smart striker Tommy Daley from Western Suburbs, and then snaffled his team-mate Andy Pender from under Bulleen's nose.

Andy McMillan's transfer from Morwell Falcons is pending, and Gully will also reveal Kevin Harrison, a striker from New Zealand, Mike Vulin from Yugoslavia, and a Scottish defender named Brian Sweeney, but doesn't know the Scottish whereabouts of Joe O'Donnell as we go to press.

Springvale coach Gus MacLeod couldn't be happier as the season approaches.

With the exception of Robert Morrey, who is on the transfer list, all his players were re-signed before Xmas and pre-season training has gone off without a hitch.

As a reward for their efforts last season all the players were taken to Canberra for a longweekend and were able to take advantage of the superb training facilities at the AIS.

HOW THEY FINISHED LAST YEAR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HEIDELBERG	30	16	7	7	51	29	39
CROYDON CITY	30	14	9	7	33	27	37
GREEN GULLY	30	12	12	6	37	23	36
ST ALBANS	30	13	10	7	37	26	36
Caulfield City	30	13	9	8	35	35	
Thomastown	30	14	7	9	39	32	35
Ringwood City	30	12	7	11	49	41	31
Northcote City	30	10	11	9	37	34	31
Bulleen	30	10	9	11	31	41	29
Morwell Falcons	30	9	10	11	26	30	28
Springvale City	30	9	10	11	30	36	26
Maribyrnong	30	10	6	14	41	42	26
Box Hill	30	7	12	11	35	40	26
Fawkner	30	9	6	15	28	35	24
Western Suburbs	30	10	4	16	32	47	24
Oakleigh	30	5	5	20	22	53	15

● Ian Stirton

Newcomers at Springvale this year are useful striker Richie Armstrong who was never given a go last year by Caulfield, and one Robert Brian, the goalkeeper son of a journalist not unknown to this newspaper.

The club is also eagerly awaiting the arrival of Dave Fourna, a forward who made ten appearances for Scottish club Clydebank last year.

Box Hill v Northcote City
at Wembley Park, KO 3 pm.

Box Hill struggled last year and that could again be the story this season.

For a start, the club has lost no fewer than eight players.

Steve Brimmer and Alan Roodhouse have gone to Croydon, Jim McBride has gone to Morwell Falcons, Paul Martinucci will probably return to Fawkner, Mark Aretis is bound for Caulfield City, whilst George Campbell and Barry Burton are on the transfer list.

But the Hillmen have three new arrivals from Ireland, Paddy Cooper, Gary Egan and Tommy Kennedy, and have welcomed back Greg McLeod and Gary McPhee.

Fortunately for coach John Brown, he still has a nucleus of last year's stalwarts like John McKinlay, Craig Davidson, Julian Thomas, Mike Hanley, and Stuart McArthur to build on.

Northcote City will be relying mainly on the players who kept the team in the top four for most of the last campaign.

They will be reinforced by the arrival of Paul Harris, which gives Northcote a unique collection of medal-winners.

Its new coach Jim Pyrogolios won the first Bill Fleming Medal in 1971, Harris won it in 1987 as well as the Rothmans, and of course, Martin Woodall won last year's Rothmans as well.

Northcote also is expecting a new forward from England, Jason Ashburton, who served his apprenticeship with Plymouth Argyle.

The only player of note that Northcote might be losing is Pedro Ramos who is looking for another club.

If Northcote has a weakness, it could be in the striking department, but Ashburton might be the answer.

Ringwood City v Frankston Paines
at Jubilee Park KO 3 pm.

Ringwood City, the most improved team in the second half of last season, could well be one of the pace-setters this season.

It has lost only two first-team players, John Nijholt who has gone to Mooroolbark and goal-keeper Rick Janssen, whose police duties have taken him to the country.

New goalkeeper Brian Vasey from Oxford arrived this week, and another newcomer from England, midfielder Steve McGuigan has already settled in well.

Ringwood makes no bones about its intentions to improve on last season's mid-table finish, and expects to at least finish in the top four.

Frankston Pines is another unknown quantity in this year's State League, but the new arrival, having been there before knows what it's all about.

It has gone about the task of consolidating its new status in a workmanlike manner, too, by appointing a management team consisting of Danny McMinimee, manager, Joe Sweeney, player-coach, Jimmy Wilson assistant coach and Billy Buchanan, reserve coach.

● Paul Harris

Peter Thurlow has gone back to Doveton, but the club has signed Ian Stirton to pair with Joe Sweeney up front.

Pines have also captured Tbor Drinoczky from Altona Gate and will soon welcome Ian Weir, a midfielder from famous Scottish Junior club, Pollock.

Maribyrnong v Fawkner
at Churchill Reserve, St Albans KO 3 pm.

Despite the amalgamation with Ardeer, this season could be a long hard struggle for survival as far as Maribyrnong is concerned.

And it hasn't started too well either, with full-back Ricky Lipiarski out for at least four weeks with a badly injured shoulder and Brendan Lakic has so far unable to train due to a groin injury.

Mirak Smolarek and Janus Przbyla have retired and Stefan Mila has returned to Poland.

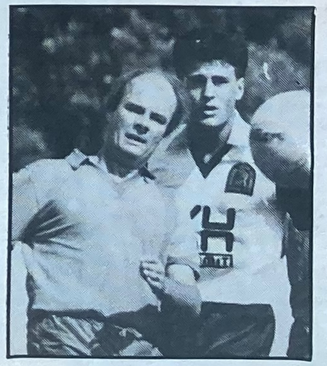
Greg Warszawski will probably go to Morwell Falcons and Robert Stojceski is on the transfer list.

Rob Nelson is back from Ringwood to organise the defence, though and a new defender, Mark Fleming has arrived from Scotland.

Fawkner's problems are somewhat similar to Maribyrnong's.

Rob Cullen has retired, and Richard Wilson, Doug Brown and Eddie Campbell are all missing, whilst Scott Fraser is believed to be in Scotland.

But Ian Tuffield is back and three players, Frank Pettrica, Tony Cozentino and John Soumanlidis have been signed from Werribee.



● Rob Nelson

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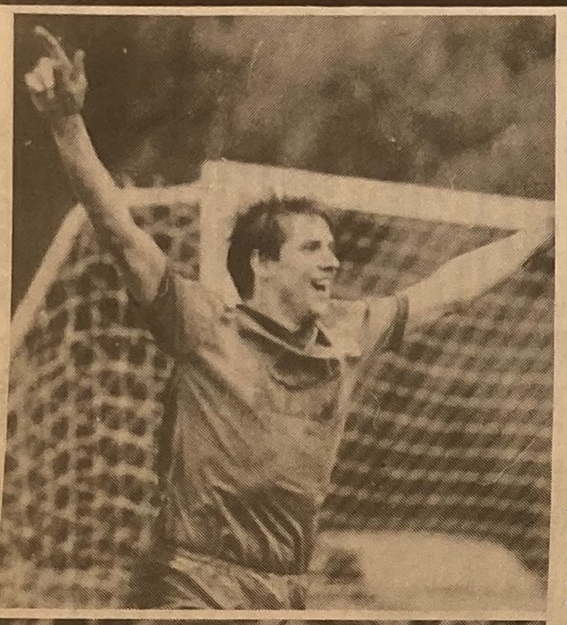

● Peter Cocker

● Tommy Daley

● Nick van Egmond

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STATE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989

ROUND 1
Saturday, 4th March
BU Juve v Croydon C
Morwell Fal v Altona Gate
Thomastown v St Albans
Sunday, 5th March
Bulleen v Caulf. City
Maribyrn. v Fawkner
Green Gully v Springvale C
Ringwood City v Frankston P

ROUND 2
Saturday 11th March
Altona Gate v Ringw City
Caulf City v Box Hill
St Albans v Green Gully
Northcote City v Thomast
Sunday, 12th March
Frankston P v BU Juve
Croydon City v Bulleen
Springv C v Maribyr
Fawkner v Morwell F

ROUND 3
Saturday 18th March
Morwell F v Springv C
Altona Gate v Frank. P
Thomastown v Caulf City
Sunday, 19th March
Bulleen v BU Juventus
Box Hill v Croydon C
Ringw City v Fawkner
Maribyrnong v St. Albans
Green Gully v Northc. C

ROUND 4
Saturday, 25th March (Easter)
Caulf. C v Green Gully
St Albans v Morwell F
Frankston P v Bulleen
BU Juventus v Box H
Northc City v Maribyrnong
Spring C v Ringw City
Fawkner v Altona Gate
Thomastown v Croydon C

ROUND 5
Saturday 1st April
Altona Gate v Spring C
Morwell F v Northc C
Sunday, 2nd April
Green Gully v Croydon C
Box Hill v Bulleen
Thomast v BU Juventus
Ringw C v St Albans
Maribyrn v Caulf. City
Fawkner v Frankston Pines

ROUND 6
Saturday 8th April
Caulfield C v Morwell Falcon
St Albans v Altona Gate
Northc City v Ringw City
BU Juventus v Green Gully
Sunday 9th April
Frankston P v Box Hill
Croydon C v Maribyrnong
Springv C v Fawkner
Bulleen v Thomast

ROUND 7
Saturday 15th April
Morwell F v Croydon C
Altona Gate v North City
Thomastown v Box Hill
Sunday, 16th April
BU Juventus v Maribyrnong
Green Gully v Bulleen
Fawkner v St Albans
Ringwood City v Caulf C
Springv City v Frankston P

ROUND 8
Saturday, 22nd April
Bulleen v Maribyrnong
Caulfield City v Altona G
St Albans v Spring C
Northcote City v Fawkner
BU Juventus v Morwell F
Sunday 23rd April
Frankston P v Thomastown
Box Hill v Green Gully
Croydon C v Ringw City

ROUND 9
Saturday 29th April
Altona Gate v Croydon C
Morwell F v Bulleen
St Albans v Frank Pines
Sunday 30th April
BU Juventus v Ringw C
Maribyrnong v Box Hill
Green Gully v Thomastown
Springv City v North C
Fawkner v Caulfield C

ROUND 10
Saturday, 6th May
Bulleen v Ringw C
Caulf C v Springv C
Northc City v St Albans
BU Juve v Altona Gate
Sunday 7th May
Thomastown v Maribyrnong
Box Hill v Morwell Fal
Frankston P v Green Gully
Croydon C v Fawkner

ROUND 11
Saturday 13th May
Altona Gate v Bulleen
Northc C v Frankston P
Morwell Falcons v Thomastown
St Albans v Caulfield C
Sunday 14th May
Springv City v Croydon C
Fawkner v BU Juve
Ringwood C v Box Hill
Maribyrnong v Green Gully

ROUND 12
Saturday 20th May
BU Juve v Springv C
Caulf City v North. City
Sunday 21st May
Thomastown v Ringw C
Bulleen v Fawkner
Frank P v Maribyrn
Green Gully vMorwell Fal.
Box Hill v Altona Gate
Croydon City v St Albans

ROUND 13
Saturday 27th May
Altona Gate v Thomast
St Albans v BU Juve
Morwell Falc v Maribyrnong
Caulf C v Frankston P
Northc City v Croydon C
Sunday 28th May
Springv City v Bulleen
Fawkner v Box Hill
Ringw City v Green Gully

ROUND 14
Saturday 3rd June
BU Juve v Northc City
Frankston P v Morwell Falc
Bulleen v St Albans
Sunday 4th June
Thomastown v Fawkner
Maribyrnong v Ringw C
Green Gully v Altona Gate
Box Hill v Springv C
Croydon C v Caulf C

ROUND 15
(Queens Birthday)
Saturday 10th June
Caulf City v BU Juve
St Albans v Box Hill
Frankston P v Croydon C
Northc City v Bulleen
Springv C v Thomastown
Fawkner v Green Gully
Altona Gate v Maribyrnong
Ringw C v Morwell Falcons

ROUND 16
Saturday 17th June
Altona Gate v Morwell F
St Albans v Thomastown
Caulfield C v Bulleen
Northc City v Box Hill
Sunday 18th June
Croydon C v BU Juve
Fawkner v Maribyrnong
Springv City v Green G
Frankston P v Ringw C

ROUND 17
Saturday 24th June
Bulleen v Croydon C
Morwell F v Fawkner
Sunday 25th June
Thomast v Northc C
BU Juventus v Frank P
Box Hill v Caulf City
Green Gully v St Albans
Maribyrnong v Springv C
Ringw C v Altona Gate

ROUND 18
Saturday 1st July
BU Juve v Bulleen
St Albans v Maribyrnong
Caulf C v Thomastown
Northc C v Green Gully
Sunday, 2nd July
Croydon City v Box Hill
Fawkner v Ringw C
Springv City v Morw Falc
Frankston P v Altona Gate

ROUND 19
Saturday 8th July
Bulleen v Frankston P
Altona Gate v Fawkner
Morwell Falcons v St Albans
Sunday 9th July
Box Hill v BU Juventus
Green Gully v Caulf City
Maribyrnong v Northc City
Ringw City v Springv City
Croydon C v Thomastown

ROUND 20
Saturday 15th July
BU Juventus v Thomastown
Bulleen v Box Hill
St Albans v Ringw City
Caulf City v Maribyrnong
Northcote C v Morwell F
Sunday 16th July
Croydon C v Green Gully
Springv City v Altona G
Frankston Pines v Fawkner

ROUND 21
Saturday 22nd July
Altona Gate v St Albans
Morwell F v Caulf C
Sunday 23rd July
Box Hill v Frank. P
Green Gully v BU Juve
Maribyrnong v Croyd C
Ringwood C v Northc City
Thomastown v Bulleen
Fawkner v Springv C

ROUND 22
Saturday 29th July
Bulleen v Green G
St Albans v Fawkner
Caulf City v Ringw City
Northc C v Altona Gate

Sunday 30th July
Maribyrn. v BU Juve
Croydon C v Morwell Falcons
Frankston P v Springv C
Box Hill v Thomastown

ROUND 23
Saturday 5th August
Altona G v Caulf City
Morwell Falc v BU Juventus
Sunday 6th August
Green Gully v Box Hill
Mariby. v Bulleen
Ringwood C v Croydon C
Thomast v Frankst P
Fawkner v Northc C
Springv C v St Albans

ROUND 24
Saturday 12th August
Caulf C v Fawkner
North C v Springv C
Sunday 13th August
Thomastown v Green G
Croydon C v Altona G
Box Hill v Maribyrnong
Bulleen v Morwell F
Frankston P v St Albans
Ringw C v BU Juve

ROUND 25
Saturday 19th August
Altona G v BU Juve
Morwell Falcons v Box Hill
St Albans v Northc C
Sunday 20th August
Green G v Frank P
Maribyrnong v Thomast
Ringwood C v Bulleen
Fawkner v Croydon C
Springv C v Caulf C

ROUND 26
Saturday 26th August
Thomast v Morw Falcons
Bulleen v Altona Gate
Caulf City v St Albans
Sunday 27th August
Croydon C v Springv C
BU Juventus v Fawkner
Box Hill v Ringwood C
Green Gully v Maribyrnong
Frankston P v Northc C

ROUND 27
Saturday 2nd September
Altona Gate v Box Hill
Morwell Falcons v Green G
St Albans v Croydon C
Northc City v Caulf C
Sunday 3rd September
Maribyrn. v Frankston P
Ringw C v Thomastown
Fawkner v Bulleen
Springvale City v BU Juve

ROUND 28
Saturday 9th September
Bulleen v Springv C
Sunday, 10th September
Thomast v Altona G
Croydon C v Northc C
BU Juve v St Albans
Box Hill v Fawkner
Green Gully v Ringw City
Mariby. v Morwell F
Frankston P v Caulf C

ROUND 29
Saturday 16th September
Altona G v Green Gully
Morwell F v Frankston P
St Albans v Bulleen
Caulf C v Croydon C
Northcote C v BU Juventus
Sunday 17th September
Ringw C v Maribyrnong
Fawkner v Thomastown
Springv City v Box Hill

ROUND 30
Saturday 23rd September
Bulleen v Northc C
Morwell F v Ringw C
Sunday 24th September
Thomast v Springv C
Croydon C v Frankston P
BU Juventus v Caulf C
Box Hill v St Albans
Green Gully v Fawkner
Maribyrnong v Altona Gate

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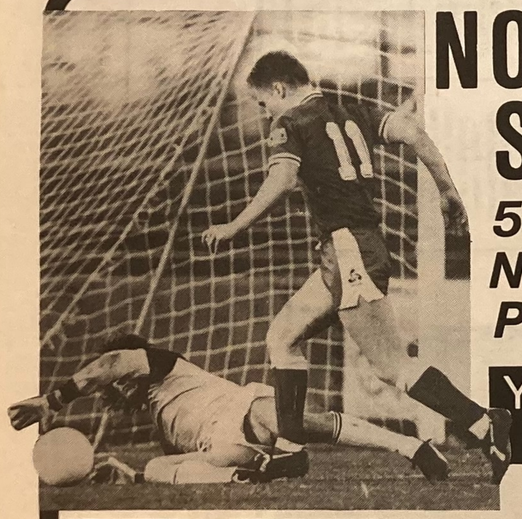

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● Paul Lewis of George Cross gets the better of Con Spridakos.

● Andrew Bernal uses Paul Lewis as a stepping stone.

● His Wollongong team mates congratulate David Skeen (No.2) after his stunning goal against South.

● Shaun Parton rides on the shoulders of tiny Tommy Pontidas.

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● Chris Taylor is determined that Olympic's Tommy Pontidas shall not pass.

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

DOCKERTY CUP — PRELIMINARY ROUND

Hamlyn Rangers 1
Waverley City 2

Hamlyn Rangers: A. Patrick, T. Robins, S. Conway, A. Joseph, W. Muir, J. Mahobule, B. McAuliffe, R. Friday, A. Munro, J. Fraser, D. Nelsoto.

Waverley City: D. Bradley, P. Strauhan, A. Wilson, K. Patterson, A. Perree, K. Whyte, P. Storey, T. Grimware, R. Parkin, M. Budd, C. Tsapatolis (N.Willcocks 84. min.).

IN its first competitive game under new coach Ian Williamson Waverley, managed to get to the next round of the Dockerty Cup and meet Bell Park at home on Saturday.

Hamlyn started with the wind at its bacck and this suited Rangers style of play of long balls from the defence.

As Waverley settled its self more into the game and Russ Parkin and Michael Budd were unlucky not to put the side in front.

Halfway through the half Hamlyn took the lead when a mix up in defence let in Nelson but this was to be short lived as Waverley came back and, after some desperate defence work by Hamlyn, the ball fell into the path of Waverley full-back Strauhan, whose shot took a deflection off the full back leaving Patrick stranded.

After this Waverley was unlucky not to take the lead but Hamlyn held out.

The second half was fairly dull and the most excitement came when Waverley defenders tried long back passes to their goalkeeper and with the wind holding the ball up it nearly let Hamlyn in.

The winning goal came six minutes from the end when in one of their better moves, a ball from Grimwade was laid into the path of Whyte who took on this defence and, with both Tsapatolis and Parkin up, laid this ball into the path of Tsapatolis who, despite the attention of two defenders and the goalkeeper, glided the ball into the net for Waverley's winner.

For Waverley Patterson and Wilson were steady at the back. Goalkeeper Patrick and Conway were the best for Hamlyn.

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Clayton 2
Williamstown 1

Clayton: R. Mazarda, G. Constable, F. Pansino, P. Smith, M. Broxham, R. Conte, J. DiIorio, J. D'Angelo, C. Ricconi, T. Palleschi, J. Calenda, R. Martino, S. Bastasio.

Williamstown: J. Jankovil, Z. Stefanovic, I. Karic, Z. Ivkovic, G. Renkin, T. Magro, L. Kovacevic, B. Subotic, A. Stepic, L. Eren, D. Nedelkovski, Z. Gudely, K. Manolitsas.

IN very warm conditions both teams started slowly.

Clayton had a few chances early from DiIorio and Palleschi but both shots went wide.

The hard ground did not help the standard of play as ball control was difficult.

Strong play from Subotic and Stepic for Williamstown set up chances and just before half time Stepic scored from a goal-mouth scramble to put the visitors 1-0 up.

The second half saw both teams lift their play and, from a Di Iorio cross Palleschi controlled a bouncing ball to equalise.

Clayton started to apply pressure with good build-ups from Di Iorio, Paleschi and Riccioni.

The winning goal was set up by Palleschi for an easy tap-in for Riccionio, (Clayton plays Seaford in the second round).

Best players: Clayton: Palleschi, Di Iorio, Broxham. Williamstown: Stepic, Subotic, Ivkovic.

THE following is the draw for the 2nd preliminary round of the Dockerty Cup to be played on Saturday commencing at 3 pm.

WESTGATE v KEYSBOROUGH, NUNAWADING CITY or PASCOE VALE v HEIDELBERG CITY, DONCASTER ROVERS v BRIGHTON or LANGWARRIN, SEAFORD UNITED or HOLLAND PARK v CLAYTON or WILLIAMSTOWN, MORDIALLOC or ELTHAM v REGENT, KNOX CITY v SANDRINGHAM CITY or SPRINGVALE UNITED. ESSENDON CITY or HAWTHORN v CHELSEA. KEILOR v YALLORN, EAST BRUNSWICK/IVANHOE OR DANDENONG v ALBION, RICHMOND v MOORABBIN CITY, GEELONG or ROSANNA v CLARINDA, HAMLYN RANGERS or WAVERLEY CITY v BELL PARK or PORT MELBOURNE.

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MURDER IN THE MORNING

WHICHEVER way you look at it, competition in Division One Morning looks to be shaping up to be just as cut-throat as it was in 1988. The likely composition of this division is:- ANZ Bank, Altona Ilinden, Apollo United, Australian Airlines, Fibremakers United, Footscray United, Highpoint, Northcote United, Middle Park and Montrose.

Middle Park is the defending champion. Since fighting its way into Division One in the 1980 season, the Club has enjoyed mixed fortunes, finding itself relegated to Division Two in 1981, where it finished mid-table, but went on to win the Division 2 championship the following year. finished mid-table of Division One in 1983 and as runner up in 1984.

1985 and 1986 saw it back at mid-table, but it finished a highly creditable runner-up to Meko Holdings in 1987, and was a clear-cut winner last year.

If it's players can maintain the same discipline, enthusiasm and will to win, there is no reason the club cannot make it two in a row.

ALTONA ILINDEN finished third in 1988, after challenging for the championship for a large part of the season. Ilinden joined the league in 1978, and enjoyed a steady progression through the ranks, winning the Division Two championship in 1984.

It finished fourth in three successive years — '85, '86 and '87 — and really should have done better in all of those years and in 1988.

There is no doubting the footballing skill of this club, but a lack of dedication and discipline amongst its players has robbed it of the opportunity of reaching its full potential.

If those problems can be overcome in 1989, Ilinden could prove unstoppable.

HIGHPOINT disappointed itself, as well as its many fans, in getting off to a disastrous start in the 1988 season.

Having blitzed its Division Two opposition the year before, the club was all set for a meteoric rise to top honours.

The latter part of last season saw a regrouped and rejuvenated Highpoint demonstrating all of its undoubted talent.

Given that the enthusiasm and dedication can be maintained through the 1989 season, the club has a bright future.

APOLLO UNITED also failed to live up to the expectations of its many friends, and finished a disappointing sixth.

Although likely to lose its two most experienced players to the newly-formed Alexander the Great, Apollo has sufficient reserves of talent to give an excellent account of itself in this year's campaign.

FOOTSCRAY UNITED finished seventh. Why this was so no-one, least of all the Footscray supporters, can work out.

This is another highly-talented side, and given 90 minutes of concentration from its players, could well surprise most of its opposition.

ANZ BANK finished the 1987 season like a house on fire; but by the time the 1988 season had started, the fire had been well and truly doused.

Despite the occasional good win, the club progressed steadily downwards, finishing in eighth spot.

The club has sufficient talent to do better, and much greater things are expected of it in 1989.

AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES finished in the cellar. It probably needs an influx of three or four good players to restore its former glory.

MONTROSE ran neck-and-neck for the Division 2M championship all year, and was finally nudged out by a solitary point.

Having netted 54 times in 1988, it certainly has the firepower to trouble many of the more fashionable Division One combinations. It is expected to do well.

NORTHCOTE UNITED finished the '88 season full of running.

It probably deserved better than fifth but its inability to field a consistent first team line-up spoilt its chances. Greater consistency in 1989 could make the side a danger to any opposition.

FIBREMAKERS UNITED hangs like the sword of Damocles over all its opponents. Division 2 champions and League Cup finalists in 1988, Fibremakers is a highly determined and well organised team.

It would be no surprise if the club were to repeat its championship performance.

The possible permutations are endless. There is one thing certain. The 1989 Division One championship will not be won easily, and will certainly come as a culmination of a highly challenging, strenuous and exciting season.

Some of the other divisions are looking to be just as cut-throat, if not more so. But more about that next week.

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At its annual meeting held on Saturday last, the Country Leagues Soccer Association elected a new three-man executive.

The 1989 chairman is David Chant long known for his association with the Industrial League.

Vice-chairman is that stalwart of La Trobe Valley soccer, Dick Bosma, and secretary-treasurer is Jim Anderson of the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League.

The Country Leagues Soccer Association has only one purpose for its existence and that is to stage the annual Country Leagues Championship.

These championships are held on Queens Birthday weekend each year, and are hosted in turn by each of the member leagues.

In 1989, the competition moves to Bendigo.

The immediate task of the incoming executive is to determine the format of the 1989 competition, including whether or not it will incorporate an exhibition match staged by the Victorian Women's Soccer Association.

A major conccern to all delegates is the difficulty of maintaining the strength and competitiveness of country soccer, given the continual drain of talented youth to the city, either to join professional clubs, to seek work, or to enter tertiary educational facilities.

As this is largely a one-way movement, the result is that fewer and fewer clubs are surviving in country associations.

A further result is that the cost of fielding a team in the country championships is then beyond the resources of the smaller associations.

Thus, of the possible eight entrants, only five contested the 1988 championship, and it would appear likely that only the same number will field teams in Bendigo.

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ISLAV REFEREES TO MEET

A meeting of the Industrial League Branch Referees will be held in the League's Offices on Monday, 13th March, at 7.30 pm.

Branch president, Jimmy Dixon, is looking for a large turn-up and no doubt the usual, highly entertaining and informative guest speaker's spot will be filled by a leading soccer identity.

The branch is looking to build on its 1988 base, and Mr Dixon assures us that there is likely to be a considerable influx of new members.

Certainly, given the extra games to be covered, a lot of new blood will be required.

Any referee who is interested in officiating in the world's greatest competition is cordially invited to attend.

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Preston Boosts record

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bar with a promising shot but Preston quickly took over, with Zoran Tasevski orchestrating midfield play and George Jolevski dominating the left flank.

It was a cross from Jolevski which Markovski headed into the net for the first goal in the 15th minute.

Four minutes later a shot from Zinni bounced off a defender and Spink put it away on the rebound for goal number two.

Croatia had the chance to narrow the score when referee Don Campbell awarded a penalty over a foul on Joe Caleta but Preston goal keeper Philip Traianedes saved Josip Biskic's shot.

Croatia replaced midfielder Theo Selemidis with Chris Horvat at half-time but Horvat was hampered by injury after a tackle and because Croatia had, by then, used both of its substitutes, he had to remain on the field as a virtual passenger.

Markovski scored his second goal in the 68th minute, following a cross by Spink who also was injured and replaced by Ilija Tasevski.

Best players were Tasevski, Jolevski and Markovski of Preston and Alan Davidson, Stuart Cannell and Biskic for Croatia.

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PENALTY THE DIFFERENCE FOR SYDNEY CROATIA

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team back to equal terms 18 minutes later with a free kick that bounced awkwardly in front of Sydney Croatia goal-keeper Tony Franken.

The shot was taken from just outside Croatia's penalty area, after Hunter had fouled quick-moving midfielder Mehmet Durakovic.

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CROSS HOLDS OLYMPIC TO DRAW

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GEORGE CROSS 1 (Hasler 59th)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper 87th)

Sydney Olympic was held to a 1-1 draw by Sunshine George Cross at Chaplin Reserve last Saturday.

Olympic, the team many pundits have tipped to go close to taking out this season's championship is fast becoming the Manchester United of Australian soccer.

With such a talented squad at its disposal, Olympic is struggling to cash in on its potential.

After only 10 minutes, George Cross came close to scoring when Gary Hasler ran onto a through ball and fired a shot from just inside the penalty-box, forcing Olympic 'keeper Gary Maier to fingertip the ball inches past the far post.

In the 20th minute Olympic showed some good work with the ball when Jason Polak laid the ball for Gary Phillips to cross into the George Cross area.

Grant Lee was first to the ball bringing a fine reflex save out of 'keeper Sean Keogh.

Only seconds after the restart George Cross striker Paul Lewis weaved his way between the Olympic defenders and cut the ball back for teammate Jeff Faulkner.

But Faulkner mis-hit his effort and could only watch in horror as the ball flew past the open goal.

In the 59th minute George Cross found a way past the Olympic defence, which was without Robert Hooker and Robert Ironside, when Hasler dodged past two defenders and, from an acute angle, slotted a left-foot shot into the far corner of the goal.

Olympic then began to push further forward in an attempt to cancel Hasler's goal, and for the remainder of the match were the better side.

In the 78th minute Lewis nearly dismissed any ideas of a draw when his shot rocked the underside of the crossbar before being cleared.

Three minutes later Olympic striker Marshall Soper dribbled into the penalty-area and toyed with the George Cross defence before his shot from point-blank range was blocked by Keogh. Only three minutes from the end of the match Soper scored thus snatching Olympic a valuable point.

Phillips took a corner from the right which Soper tried to flick on from the near post.

Instead the ball fell to man-of-the-match Mike McGarry who laid the ball back for Phillips to cross into the penalty-area. Soper pounced on the loose ball toeing it past Keogh from three metres out.

On balance, a draw could be considered a fair result, but Olympic coach Eddie Thomson boarded the airport bus still shaking his head over what might have been.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *MIKE McGARRY*

He was mystified at referee John Fraser's decision to disallow what seemed a perfectly good goal by Grant Lee, giving offside as the reason.

And he was livid at not being granted a penalty when a George Cross defender blatantly handballed right under linesman Barry Grant's nose.

— COSTA KOUTROPOULOS

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SYDNEY SHAME

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to keep at bay people like this volatile fool.

It took a similar incident at Middle Park when referee David Yelland had his jaw broken in a match between Heidelberg United and West Adelaide 12 years ago to get the fence there raised, and even after that this newspaper has pictures of referee Bernie Upjohn being knocked to the ground by a spectator during a Dockerty Cup match only three years.

To the best of our knowledge, that fleeing spectator was caught, but no action was taken against him.

Commendably, South Melbourne has this season hired security guards to patrol the fence and keep out intruders, and it is high time that the League ordered its other clubs to do the same.

Soccer is steadily going backwards in this country, whilst the NSL Executive keeps its head firmly buried in the sand, happily believing that playing in the wrong time of the year will solve all its problems.

Meanwhile, the game continues to alienate Australians by trying to progress along ethnic lines, perpetuating old hatreds between Macedonian and Greek, Croat and Yugoslav, all of which should have been left behind in Europe.

Despite the occasional feeble protestation from the Australian Soccer Federation, clubs still manage to force through resolutions allowing them to change their names to others denoting their origins, admitting spectators carrying flags, then throwing up their hands in horror when rival spectators burn their flag.

Soccer is a game that arouses passions all over the world.

How could the people who are supposed to be ruling the game ever have deluded themselves that European-type violence couldn't happen here, especially when they allow the League to be run on an ethnic base?

Some journalists should take a share of the blame too, for deliberately and misguidedly continuing to flout the ASF's rulings on club names in the vain hope of currying favour with some supporters.

What ccan be done to restore the game's battered image?

Obviously, there has to be higher fencing and more security at NSL grounds.

Both Melbourne Croatia and Melbourne JUST are to be praised for leading the way here.

But the other gorunds aren't as well protected and as every match there amply demonstrates, Olympic Park is the least secure of all, but nothing will ever be done about that.

Sadly, the time is fast approaching when visiting spectators will have to be segregated at NSL grounds, and that suggestion will be greeted with cries that the clubs can't afford the cost of fencing, but as long as the League is sponsored by a brewery and spectators are being exhorted to drink more West End what other solution can there be?

When Melbourne JUST played Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park in the first round this season, none of the expected crowd violence eventuated. . . the reason, there was no beer on sale.

Now it is up to Messrs Sam Papasavas, Tony Labbozzetta and Co. to take effective action to stamp out hooliganism now, before the game here is wrecked forever.

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UK RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 2 Luton 0, Aston Ville 1 Charlton 2, Derby 3 Everton 2, Millwall 1 Coventry 0, Norwich 2 Manchester United 1, Southampton 0 Tottenham 2, West Ham 0 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Wimbledon 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0. Postponed: Liverpool v Nottingham Forest.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	26	16	6	4	52	25	54
Norwich	26	14	8	4	39	28	50
Millwall	25	12	9	4	38	20	45
Coventry	26	11	7	8	34	26	40
Manch Utd	25	10	7	8	35	31	39
Derby	24	11	5	8	29	20	38
Notts Fst	24	9	11	4	36	18	38
Liverpool	23	9	9	5	30	20	36
Wimbledon	24	10	5	9	30	30	35
Everton	25	8	7	10	29	33	31
Tottenham	25	8	9	8	37	33	33
Aston Vill	26	7	9	10	32	38	30
Middlesbro	25	7	8	10	30	40	30
Luton	25	7	6	12	37	39	27
Southampt	25	6	10	10	37	49	28
Q.P.R.	26	6	9	11	24	36	27
Charlton	25	6	9	10	28	34	27
Sheff Wed	25	5	11	9	26	33	26
Newcastle	24	5	6	13	21	43	21
West Ham	24	4	6	14	20	41	18

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley 0 Blackburn 1, Bournemouth 1 Portsmouth 0, Brighton 1 Watford 0, Chelsea 2 Oldham 2, Crystal Palace 2 Bradford 0, Leeds 0 Swindon 0, Manchester City 2 Plymouth 0, Oxford 1 Ipswich 1, Stoke 2 Leicester 2, Sunderland 2 Hull 0, Walsall 1 Shrewsbury 1, West Bromwich 0 Birmingham 0

Manch City	30	17	8	5	46	25	59
Chelsea	30	16	10	4	62	31	58
Blackburn	30	16	6	8	50	41	54
Watford	29	14	6	9	42	30	48
W.B.A.	30	12	11	7	40	29	47
Bournemth	29	14	4	11	32	32	46
Crys Pal	28	12	9	7	45	36	45
Leeds	30	11	12	7	36	27	45
Ipswich	30	13	5	12	45	40	44
Sunderland	30	11	10	9	39	36	43
Barnsley	30	11	9	10	39	40	42
Stoke	29	11	9	9	36	46	42
Swindon	29	10	11	8	42	36	41
Portsmouth	30	10	9	11	38	37	39
Hull	29	10	8	11	34	38	38
Leicester	30	9	11	10	37	42	38
Plymouth	30	10	7	13	36	43	37
N'mpton	30	8	11	11	30	36	35
Oxford	30	9	7	14	44	47	34
Brighton	30	9	6	15	41	48	33
Oldham	30	7	11	12	46	49	32
Shrewsbury	29	4	12	13	23	44	24
Birmingham	30	4	8	18	33	53	20
Walsall	30	3	10	17	26	53	19

DIVISION THREE

Brentford 2 Bury 2, Gillingham 1 Southend 1, Mansfield 2 Reading 1, Northampton 1 Swansea 0, Notts County 1 Bristol Rovers 0, Preston 0 Chesterfield 0, Sheffield United 4 Blackpool 1. Postponed: Bristol City v Huddersfield, Aldershot v Fulham, Bolton v Port Vale, Cardiff v Chester

Wolves	28	18	7	3	53	29	61
Port Vale	30	16	6	8	53	28	54
Bury	30	14	8	8	49	36	50
Shef Utd	26	15	4	7	50	32	49
Swansea	29	13	6	10	44	37	45
Chester	29	13	5	11	44	41	44
Brist Rov	29	12	10	7	40	33	46
Preston	29	12	9	8	49	37	45
Fulham	29	12	5	12	43	42	41
Huddersfld	29	11	5	13	34	38	41
Brist City	29	11	5	13	34	38	41
Mansfield	29	9	12	8	33	32	39
Blackpool	29	9	10	10	38	33	37
Brentford	28	9	10	9	38	33	37
Reading	28	10	7	11	37	43	37
Cardiff	30	8	9	13	30	34	33
Northampt	30	11	7	12	33	44	33
Bolton	29	9	6	14	35	46	33
Notts Cty	29	8	10	11	33	42	34
Southend	29	7	8	14	33	52	30
Wigan	29	7	8	14	33	49	29
Chesterfld	30	6	8	16	33	60	26
Aldershot	30	5	8	17	28	54	23
Gillingham	30	6	4	20	26	50	22

DIVISION FOUR

Burnley 1 Peterborough 1, Cambridge United 0 Scunthorpe 3, Darlington 2 York 2, Grimsby 2 Exeter 1, Hereford 2 Stockport 1, Scarborough 1 Lincoln 1, Tranmere 0 Rotherham 0. Postponed: Rochdale v Halifax, Torquay v Carlisle, Wrexham v Hartlepool. Played Friday: Colchester 1 Leyton Orient 0, Doncaster 0 Crewe 1

Crewe	29	15	10	4	41	28	55
Scunthorpe	30	14	8	8	54	44	51
Scarboro	29	13	10	6	44	34	49
Rotherham	29	13	9	7	46	26	48
Tranmere	29	12	12	5	42	27	48
Wrexham	27	12	11	4	52	37	47
Exeter	29	14	7	8	47	34	43
Lincoln	30	12	7	11	48	44	43
Burnley	29	11	9	9	46	46	42
Cambridge	29	11	9	10	44	46	40
Torquay	28	11	6	11	34	37	39
Ley Orient	29	10	8	11	50	36	38
Stockport	30	9	11	10	32	45	37
York	29	10	7	12	38	50	37
Doncaster	30	10	7	13	34	40	37
Grimsby	28	9	9	10	41	40	36
Hartlepool	27	10	6	11	37	49	35
Halifax	29	10	5	14	34	39	35
Carlisle	29	9	8	12	40	48	35
Hereford	29	8	8	13	38	48	32
Rochdale	29	8	8	13	30	50	30
Peterboro	29	7	8	14	32	52	29
Darlington	30	3	15	12	34	55	24
Colchester	28	5	8	15	33	55	23

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 3 Hearts 0, Dundee 0 Celtic 3, Rangers 3 St Mirren 1. Postponed: Hibernian v Hamilton, Motherwell v Dundee United

Rangers	27	18	6	3	46	21	60
Dundee Utd	26	13	10	3	36	13	36
Aberdeen	27	12	11	4	37	22	36
Celtic	27	16	2	9	57	36	34
Hibernian	26	10	7	9	37	32	27
St Mirren	27	10	6	11	37	33	26
Hearts	27	6	10	11	32	32	22
Dundee	27	5	9	13	23	35	19
Motherwell	26	3	8	15	23	55	14
Hamilton	26	3	2	21	13	60	8

DIVISION ONE

Ayr 3 Meadowbank 2, Forfar 0 Morton 0, Queen of the South 2 Partick 4, St Johnstone 2 Kilmarnock 2. Postponed: Clyde v Clydebank, Falkirk v Dunfermline, Raith v Airdrieonians

Dunfermlin	27	17	5	5	50	27	39
Airdrie	27	14	9	4	50	27	37
Clydebank	27	13	9	5	59	27	35
Falkirk	27	13	6	8	46	28	32
St Johnst	28	12	8	8	40	34	32
Morton	27	12	6	9	41	34	30
Forfar	28	8	10	10	37	38	26
Raith	27	7	7	13	32	38	25
Ayr	28	9	7	12	43	47	24
Kilmarnock	27	8	7	12	34	37	23
Partick	28	9	5	14	43	48	23
Meadowbank	28	8	7	13	43	50	23
Clyde	27	5	11	11	28	39	21
Q O' Sth	28	2	8	18	29	65	10

DIVISION TWO

Arbroath 0 Berwick 3, East Fife 1 Cowdenbeath 0, Stranraer 1 Dumbarton 1, Postponed: Albion v Montrose, Brechin v Alloa, Stenhousemuir v East Stirling, Stirling v Queen's Park

Albion	25	16	5	4	48	32	36
Brechin	27	11	11	5	45	34	33
Queen's Pk	27	10	10	7	38	28	30
Stranraer	28	11	8	9	44	39	30
Stirling	27	12	6	9	43	39	30
Cowdenbth	27	10	10	7	38	30	28
East Fife	28	11	6	9	38	36	28
Arbroath	27	8	10	9	37	36	26
Alloa	27	8	10	9	34	36	26
E Stirling	26	8	9	9	40	43	25
Montrose	28	8	8	11	32	33	24
Dumbarton	26	6	8	12	31	39	20
Stenhousem	28	7	5	16	31	50	19
Berwick	27	5	7	15	33	51	17

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE

Bangor 1 Crusaders 0, Cliftonville 5 Carrick 1, Coleraine 3 Newry 2, Distillery 2 Ards 0, Larne 0 Glentoran 0, Linfield 2 Portadown 1

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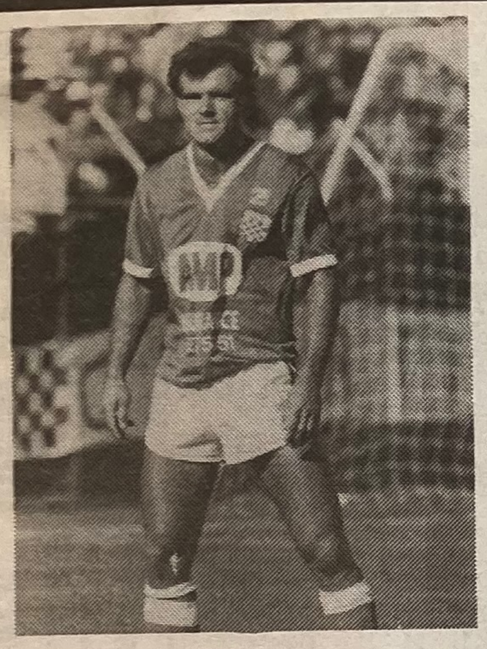

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